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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: US Patent Application 10/066,268  
Filed February 2, 2002  
Title Sheet Blank for an Exhaust Gas Housing Part of a Motor Vehicle and  
Process for the Production of the Exhaust Gas Housing Part with the Sheet Blank  
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Election

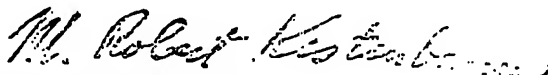
Dear Examiner Nguyen:

This responds to the Election Requirement mailed May 20, 2003.

The Election Requirement states that Group I (Claims 1-19) are drawn to a product, classified in class 123, while Group II (Claims 20 and 21) are drawn to a method, classified in class 29, subclass 890.08. The Election Requirement further requires that Applicant elect between the product claims (1-19) of Group I and the method claims of Group II (20-21).

Applicant respectfully elects Group I, drawn to a product (Claims 1-19).

Respectfully submitted,



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